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On re Application of:

Examiner: Ashanti Ghee

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. The patents were recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, which is dated November 5, 2004. A copy of the Search Report also is enclosed.

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Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in or credit any overpayment of this fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION


It is respectfully requested that the cited patents be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such patent documents have been considered.

It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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